

TRIBUTE TO U.S. ARMY STAFF  
SERGEANT THOMAS MICHAEL  
MCFALL

### HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a hero from my congressional district, U.S. Army SSG Thomas Michael McFall. Today on Flag Day as we honor the history of "Old Glory," I ask that the House of Representatives also honor and remember this incredible young man who died in service to his country.

Thomas grew up in Riverside, where his father still resides. He was a member of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, home-based in Fort Lewis, Washington. Staff Sergeant McFall was a career soldier who understood the dangers of his job. He joined the Army in 1994 and has been stationed all over the world, including South Korea, Panama, Japan and Afghanistan before deploying to Iraq in April. On May 28, 2007, Sergeant McFall was killed by an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq.

In reading about Thomas' life, I was impressed by his charismatic and caring nature. The Press Enterprise describes a man that would take in other soldiers who had nowhere to go during Christmas time. Sergeant McFall was also a proud and loving husband and parent. He leaves behind his wife Emily and three children Austin, Elizabeth and Matthew. He also leaves behind his father Thomas, stepmother Sherry, mother April and stepfather Charles as well as several brothers and sisters. Staff Sergeant McFall was laid to rest Friday, June 8, 2007 at Riverside National Cemetery.

As we look at the incredibly rich military history of our country we realize that this history is comprised of men, just like Thomas, who bravely fought for the ideals of freedom and democracy. Each story is unique and humbling for those of us who, far from the dangers they have faced, live our lives in relative comfort and ease. The day the McFall family had to say farewell to Thomas was probably the hardest day the family has ever faced and my thoughts, prayers and deepest gratitude for their sacrifice goes out to them. There are no words that can relieve their pain and what words I offer only begin to convey my deep respect and highest appreciation.

Staff Sergeant McFall's wife, children and family have all given a part of themselves in the loss of their loved one and I hope they know that their husband, father and son, the goodness he brought to this world and the sacrifice he has made, will be remembered.

### SUPPORT FOR HOUSE RESOLUTION 422

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I stand today to show support of and solidarity with Congresswoman BARBARA LEE's House Resolution 422 introduced on May 21, 2007 calling

on the Government of the People's Republic of China to "use its unique influence and economic leverage to stop genocide and violence in Darfur." The atrocities of Darfur have carried on way too long and it is necessary for us to broaden our efforts.

The issuance of Executive Order 13067 by President Clinton in 1997; its renewal and expanded scope through President Bush; as well as the Darfur Peace and Accountability Act of 2006 all indicate the commitment of this Nation to ending the ongoing and escalating human rights violations in Sudan. While the unilateral economic sanctions imposed by the United States are important, it is not enough: U.S. sanctions alone have been unable to discourage or discontinue the rape, killing or displacement of millions of civilians. It has become increasingly clear that multilateral targeted sanctions enforced by the international community have the potential to pressure the Sudanese government into action to end the conflict in Darfur.

As a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, investor in Sudan's infrastructure and oil industries, and supplier of Sudan's weapons, the People's Republic of China possesses an enormous amount of power to pressure Sudan to end the genocide and comply with the initiatives of the United Nations. Their support is integral in an international effort to end the Darfur conflict.

House Resolution 422 brings overdue attention to the People's Republic of China's long-standing economic and military ties to Sudan and urges China to effectively use these ties to compel Sudan to take steps to stop the attacks on civilians and comply with United Nations Security Council Resolutions. As hosts of the Olympic Summer Games of 2008, with a slogan of "One World One Dream," it is only fitting for the People's Republic of China to join the international community in our effort to bring stability to the nation. I applaud Congresswoman LEE's efforts to engage international support to end this conflict.

### IN REMEMBRANCE OF MOLLY IVINS

### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Tyler "Molly" Ivins, for her outstanding career in and contribution to American journalism as a columnist, political commentator and bestselling author.

Molly earned her master's degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and an honorary doctorate from Haverford College. She worked for several newspapers, including the Houston Chronicle, the Texas Observer, the New York Times, and the Dallas-Times Herald, and received a number of awards, especially for her efforts in defense of the First Amendment.

Molly's independence and courage marked everything she did. She had the guts to speak her mind, no matter the opposition. She repeatedly defended the powerless and the downtrodden, and she did so with wit and humor, grabbing us by our hearts and minds.

Even as she battled cancer, her concern for others did not wane. She continued to invite

people with needs into her home, educating them and teaching them the habits and values that have characterized her own life.

Molly is survived by her brother, Andy, and her sister, Sara Ivins Maley. She will be missed by family, friends, colleges, and thousands of readers.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mary Tyler "Molly" Ivins, for her love of America. May her indomitable spirit live on in the voices of all who speak out for justice.

### HONORING PATRICIA A. COPPO FOR 20 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM

### HON. C.W. BILL YOUNG

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 14, 2007*

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, after 20 years of dedicated service, Patricia A. Coppo is retiring from her life-saving work with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP). As you know, the NMDP allows medical miracles to occur every day as the program recruits adult donors and umbilical cord blood units to provide stem cell transplantations for patients with life-threatening blood disorders.

Pat, who retires as the Chief Operating Officer of the NMDP, has been with the program since its inception. With a small earmarked appropriation from the United States Navy, the NMDP began in 1987 with four staff members in a cramped room in a Red Cross office in St. Paul, Minnesota. They had a vision and a mission and with the support and guidance of Congress and the Navy began their work to save lives one at a time.

Pat started as a bone marrow search coordinator and worked with transplant centers to try to find donors for their patients from several donor registries that had developed through the work of patients and their families, blood centers and transplant hospitals. It was almost a needle in a haystack approach to saving lives. With the guidance and support of my colleagues and I on the Appropriations Committee and in this House, these individual registries came together to form the beginnings of the NMDP. No one then could have conceived of the program that has developed since. As of April of 2007, over 6.5 million donors have joined the Registry and over 28,000 patients have received a second chance at life through bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplantation.

Madam Speaker, over these past 20 years, Pat has helped the NMDP save lives through cellular transplantation therapy by providing guidance for the organization, leadership for the staff and stewardship of the NMDP's resources. She has made a profound impact on the organization and staff with her passion for our mission, dedication to the staff, incredible work ethic, sense of humor and ability to adapt, change and grow with the NMDP. She will leave a legacy of important and lasting relationships with a network of over 450 organizations that partner to provide cellular transplant therapies.

The NMDP will miss her but she leaves the program in a great position to continue its life-saving work. As a result of legislation adopted